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SUBJECT: IMMUNITIES: CIVIL SUIT AGAINST EMBASSY OFFICER

EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR OFFICER, HIS WIFE AND TRINIDAD CITIZEN LANDLORD RECEIVED A WRIT OF SUMMONS REQUIRING THEIR APPEARANCE BE ENTERED BEFORE THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD IN A CIVIL SUIT BROUGHT BY EMBOFF'S NEIGHBOR. PLAINTIFF'S NEIGHBOR SUES FOR DAMAGES TO HIS LAND AND PREMISES CAUSED BY THE NUISANCE AND/OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN PERMITTING A TREE TO OVERHANG AND/OR ENCROACH AND FALL UPON THE PLAINTIFF'S PREMISES.

THE TREE DID IN FACT FALL ACROSS THE PLAINTIFF'S BOATSHED ALTHOUGH PLAINTIFF'S ACTS MAY HAVE AGGRAVATED DAMAGE. EMBOFF'S WIFE CLAIMS THAT SHE HAD ADVISED DEFENDANT LANDLORD THAT PLAINTIFF'S NEIGHBOR DID ASK THAT THE INFRINGING TREE BE CUT DOWN AT AN EARLIER DATE. EMBOFF HAS PRIVATE LEASE WITH DEFENDANT LANDLORD.

EMBASSY HOLDS OPINION THAT EMBASSY OFFICER AND WIFE ARE ENTITLED TO IMMUNITY BY VIRTUE OF ARTICLE 31 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF APRIL 1971.

ALTHOUGH INFORMAL INQUIRIES OR REPRESENTATIONS MAY CAUSE DELETION OF EMBOFF AND WIFE'S NAME FROM ACTION, A NOTE MAY HAVE TO BE SENT TO THE MINISTRY.

EMBASSY SEEKS DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE. THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO BE INCORPORATED IN SUCH NOTE WOULD BE HELPFUL. MILLER

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